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In re application of

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DISSEMINATION OF IMAGE, VIDEO  
AND/OR AUDIO FILES

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

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--21 (b) A method of monitoring distribution of proprietary audio or image files on the Internet, comprising:  
from at least one computer, automatically obtaining audio or image files from plural different Internet sites;  
automatically identifying plural of the obtained files having certain digital watermark data embedded therein, and decoding the digital watermark data therefrom;  
by reference to said decoded digital watermark data, determining proprietors of each of said plural files; and  
sending information relating to results of the foregoing monitoring to said determined proprietors;  
wherein proprietors of audio or image files are alerted to otherwise unknown distribution of their audio or image properties on the Internet.--

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